

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now I would like to see if you're going to take on the role of a thoroughbred in order to answer this following question. Are you in favor of a bill that would give Ak-Sar-Ben a tax break?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will that bring revenue to the state or take it away?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Eventually it will bring revenue to the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm not talking about eventually, I want a categorical answer. If that bill were passed, will it have the effect of taking revenue from the state?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It will take revenue from the state, today.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Another question, did you favor a bill that would take taxes off pawnshop dealers on their inventory?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did that have the effect of taking revenue from the state?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because the tax...why, why, why was it not?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It was a local property tax.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who did it take revenue from?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Local government.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, do local governments get money from the state in the form of aid?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do the same citizens who make up the locality make up the state population?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: In part, yes.